Hello! I’m both excited and honored to join the KABC team as Community Engagement & Development Coordinator. Like many of you, I was educated and supported by KABC while caring for my parents in their elder years. To lend my skills and ideas to make a difference throughout the state in the quality of care for seniors and their families is a work of the heart.
Let me help you get to know me until we meet or talk in person. I grew up in Topeka and have lived in Kansas City for the last 20 years. Some might say I have a very diverse work history. I worked in a corporate environment, taught on the university level and owned my own business. I have also been involved in many community based organizations as a volunteer, program manager, event chair, fundraiser, executive director and board member. Whew! I loved every minute of it and am looking forward to using it all to better elder care for you and your loved ones.

Expect to see me expanding our base of supporters across the state, raising awareness and educating communities about the importance of advocating for their family members and friends. Quality care doesn’t happen without a vocal band of individuals who are actively investing in what’s possible. You are those people and I can’t wait to meet you!

Community Events

A Person-Centered Approach to Care

August 18, 2022  
2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

“Person-centered care” means to focus on the resident as the locus of control and support the resident in making their own choices and having control over their daily lives.

Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErdo-vpj4rE9ftbtlrJYHggzxgNAV9Rfuo

The Kansas Long-Term Care Ombudsman invites you to join in this conversation about Person-Centered Care regulations.

Thursday, August 18th  
2:00 pm- 3:30 pm

Click the photo to register!

Upcoming Events

Annual Membership Meeting & Caregiver Training

Caring Conversations Series  
Long-Term Care: Choices, Challenges, and Criteria for Quality Care
Friday, September 9th
1:30-3:00 PM
Location TBD

Stand By Me 2022

KABC’s Annual Friend-raising event is coming soon!

Sunday, October 9
2:00 PM- 4:30 PM
Arterra Event Gallery
2161 Quail Creek Drive
Lawrence, KS

You can help us make elder care better.

Learn how you can sponsor Stand by Me

KABC hosts free trainings year round. if you're interested in KABC presenting to your group email info@kabc.org or call the office at 800-525-1782

Advocacy in Action

KABC meets with Kansas Silver Haired Legislators

Dan Goodman and Libby Hastings met with the Kansas Silver Haired Legislators (KSHL) on Wednesday, July 27, 2022 in Junction City, Kansas for their consideration of legislative items for the Fiscal Year 2023 KSHL legislative platform. Dan Goodman spoke with members regarding suggestions that would improve and innovate existing public service and improve the lives of older Kansans. KABC’s requests included:

1) KSHL support of Charlie’s Bill, (formally, HB 2004) providing elders the right to appeal eviction in assisted living and home plus facilities in Kansas.

2) To expand case management services to the Frail Elderly, Physically Disabled and Brain injury waiver populations.

3) Restore stability for home care providers, better pay for direct care workers and improve long-term care options for the older Kansans needing care and wanting to remain in their home and community.
Resources

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) Enhances Nursing Home Rating System with Staffing and Turnover Data:**

CMS launched its enhanced Nursing Home Five-Star Quality Rating System which integrates data nursing homes report on their weekend staffing rates for nurses and information on annual turnover among nurses and administrators. CMS research shows that **higher nurse turnover is associated with lower quality of care.** In January, CMS began posting weekend staffing and turnover rates on Medicare's [Care Compare](https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-long-term-care) website. That information is now incorporated into the consumer-friendly Nursing Home Five-Star Quality Rating System.

*For more information and CMS news, visit [cms.gov/newsroom](https://www.cms.gov/newsroom)*

*Sign up for CMS news [via email](https://www.cms.gov/newsroom)*

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Webinar on Advocating for LGBTQ+ Residents
Join Consumer Voice and the National Long-Term Care Ombudsman Resource Center (NORC) for a webinar on Thursday, August 11th, 2:00 PM CT entitled "Voices for Equality: Advocating for LGBTQ+ Residents." This webinar will equip attendees with an understanding of the challenges LGBTQ+ residents face, build familiarity with federal, state, and local policy, and walk away with resources on LGBTQ+ inclusion, such as the new Long-Term Care Equality Index (LEI), a national LGBTQ+ benchmarking tool.

Speakers:
• Dan Stewart, MSG, Associate Director of the Aging Equality Project at the Human Rights Campaign Foundation
• Sherrill Wayland, MSW, Director of Special Initiatives at SAGE

Materials Available from Webinar on CMS's Updated Nursing Home Guidance:

The recording and materials are available from the webinar with Consumer Voice and representatives from the CMS. The webinar provided an overview of CMS’s new Phase 3 guidance for nursing homes. Released on June 29, 2022, the new guidance is the result of CMS’s 2016 revisions to the Medicare Requirements for Participation for Nursing Homes. The guidance is required to be followed by state oversight agencies when surveying and assessing nursing home compliance with the federal regulations.

Get the webinar materials
Read Consumer Voice’s Reference Guide and summary of the guidance

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